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HONGKONG, FEBRUARY 24TH, 1910.

The cables from London these days tell a tale of exciting times in Great Britain. The political battle, fought largely on fiscal and constitutional issues, has been concluded, but the result is not the decisive victory that the Government anticipated, and a remarkable situation, with scarcely a parallel in history, has developed. Without indulging in hyperbole, the present may justly be described as one of the great epochs in the history of the United Kingdom. The questions at issue are of the gravest moment and a solution of them is not to be attempted lightly. Apart from its bearing on the constitution of the House of Lords, to which we shall refer presently, the election just concluded should go down in history as marking the advent of the third party in politics. The previous election was perhaps the first to witness a third party in the House of Commons, when some fifty Labour representatives were returned, but as they were submerged in the overwhelming majority of the Government of the day, they had little opportunity for making their voices felt in the legislative chamber. Now, however, owing to the two great parties going back to Parliament in equal proportions, the day of this small party, acting with the Nationalists, has dawned, and although their number in the House of Commons is less than it was at the last election, their strength is greater because its predominant partner is weaker. Of course, the Labourites at present would wield little power without the aid of the Nationalists, who have assumed an independence they have never shown before, but their position is certainly better

than in the last Parliament, and there can be little doubt that the indications all tend to point to this party continuing to be a factor in legislation, the differences and divisions of the two great parties giving to the Labour Party an importance far in excess of its own numbers. The result will be that coalitions will become inevitable, and whether this will make for good and stable government remains to be seen. Certainly, the experiences in Australia, where the three parties are practically of equal strength, are not very encouraging, and patriots may be forgiven if they take a gloomy view of the future.

Without doubt the most important issue before the country at present is the constitution of the House of Lords. The Government have indicated that proposals would be laid before the House of Commons to define the relations of this legislative chamber, so as to "secure the undivided authority of the House of Commons over finance and its predominance in legislation." Mr. Asquith, speaking later, said "the removal of the veto was a preliminary to discussion," and it may safely be inferred, both from the King's Speech and the Premier's, that it is no mild change in the character of the Upper House which is contemplated. It is nothing short of an attempt to render the House of Lords impotent. Such a scheme can hardly commend itself to the more thoughtful citizens. It would manifestly be absurd to expect that the House of Lords should pass any experimental legislation that a Parliament constituted like the present should send up to it—certainly not until it had obtained an expression of opinion from the country, and not even the most ardent advocate of the House of Lords claims that the Lords seek to do any more than that. As to their right to amend or alter taxes proposed in a budget, opinion is very much divided on the point. They have undoubtedly exercised the right before, and the fact that they have not followed that up has been taken as a surrender of privileges which once were theirs, but constitutional authorities are of the opinion that although the right has been waived it has not been abandoned. This, however, is not the only aspect of the case. If the Lords were to refrain from exercising their veto, if they were to approve every measure presented by the House of Commons, they would stillify their very existence, and provide reasonable ground for their abolition. They would prove themselves an unnecessary part of the legislative machinery. It is just because a single chamber does not provide the requisite guarantees for well-considered legislation that the second chamber becomes imperative. No progressive country in the world possesses a single chamber, and it would be ignoring the wisdom of the centuries and a world-wide experience to entrust the government and law-making to a House of Commons which was not subject to the checks which prudence have shown to be advisable. There certainly is something to be said for proposals to change in some degree the personnel of the Upper Chamber with a view to making it more representative of the Empire, but the proposition to strip it of the very powers which give it its value cannot be entertained at all by a thoughtful nation, especially if this proposal is unaccompanied by checks of any other kind against the tyranny of a bare majority in the House of Commons, and it is not too much to expect that the Lords will refuse to stultify themselves by passing the resolutions which will doubtless form part of the Bill designed "to sterilise the Upper Chamber."

The *Mail* understands that M. Klobukowsky will in May return to his post of Governor-General of Indo-China.

The Board of War at Peking has formulated a programme for the organisation of fifty divisions of the army by 1915.

Prince Tsai Hsun paid a visit to foreign Ministers in Peking on the 17th February, returning thanks for the kind treatment shown to him while in Europe.

The case in which C. J. Marchant was charged at the instance of A. E. Cassinberry with falsifying a receipt was before the Magistrate yesterday and remanded.

Clark's second Round-the-World tourist party, consisting of 780 members, is expected to arrive at Yokohama on the 25th inst. from San Francisco, and leave for Kobe on March 4th, and from Kobe for Nagasaki on March 5th.

It was stated in the Japanese Diet recently that there are 15,000 factories in Japan employing 720,000 hands.

Sir Henry May again appeared at the Magistrate's yesterday to prosecute one of the defendants for soliciting in Queen's Road. The defendant did not appear and a warrant was issued for her arrest.

The total output of the Chinese Engineering and Mining Company's three mines for the week ending 5th February amounted to 37,652.43 tons and the sales during the period to 16,236.45 tons.

The Union Church Literary Club meet in the School Hall, Kennedy Road, to-night at 9 p.m., the Y.M.C.A. Debating Society being their guests for an inter-club debate. The latter will move that "Contact with the West has been beneficial to China," the home club taking the negative side. All members and friends of both clubs are invited to attend.

Viceroy Chang Jon-shun of Liangkiang, Yuan Shu-hsun of Liankwang and Chao E-hsun of Soochuan, and Governor Sun Pao-chi of Shantung, have cautioned the Central Government against asking the people to subscribe any amounts for the purpose of paying back the foreign debts, since that would but diminish the ready money of the people and consequently cause an economic crisis, which would involve the gravest dangers for the Empire.

The *Chief Morning Post* learns from an exchange that some fishermen, while out fishing off the coast of Suruga Province, lighted upon an old wreck lying on the bottom of the sea. Judging from the pattern of the sunken ship, it is supposed to be the remains of the *Tokushima Maru*, the training ship of the Tokyo Mercantile Marine School, which disappeared unaccountably during a cruise along the Japanese coast about 10 years ago. An official enquiry will be instituted shortly.

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Yesterday six men charged with armed robbery at Lau Nai Wan, a hamlet in Tytam Bay, were committed by Mr. Hallifax to the Criminal Sessions for trial. The six men attacked the hamlet and in three houses tied up the inmates, whom they threatened with chopsticks and knives, and after collecting a considerable quantity of property made off. News of the outrage was conveyed to the pumping station at Tytam Tia, whence it was transferred to Stanley and finally to Shaikwan. From here two parties of police under P. C. Parr and P. C. O'Sullivan (25) were despatched to search the highways. The latter ambushed two of the robbers and a little later the remaining four came along. Sullivan drew his revolver and persuaded the lot to accompany him to Shaikwan. Five of the men had stolen property in their possession, and the sixth had money which it was believed was part of the proceeds of the theft.

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We understand that the Buffs will be relieved next trooping season by the 1st Battalion The King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry (generally called the K.O.Y.L.I.—Coals) from Wynberg, C.C. where they have been stationed the last year it has not been possible to accept.

The 1st Battalion is the old 51st Foot which won great renown at Minden and in the Peninsula.

THE Y.M.C.A. REPORT.

We have received a copy of "A Report of the work of the Young Men's Christian Association of China and Korea." The report states that the past year has proved to be by far the best year in the history of the Association in China and Korea, advance having been made in every phase of the Association's activities.

The annual statement of the General Committee shows an income of \$7,142.25 for the year 1909, and after defraying all expenses a balance of \$297.83 remained in hand.

The Report has the following reference to the Hongkong branch:—

"The European Association in Hongkong is identified with the movement in China. This Association is now in the hands of a strong and thoroughly interested Board of Directors with the Colonial Secretary as Chairman. Through the influence of the meetings, Bible classes and personal work on the part of members of the Association much has been done to increase the attendance of young men upon Church services and to induce a few to unite with the church. The growing approval of the business community is most gratifying. Six managers of firms are on the Board of Directors; leading business men are now recommending their employees to live at the Association, so that during the last year it has not been possible to accept all the applicants for rooms, and there is an increasing readiness to support the Association financially. The donations issued on furniture at the opening of the Association amounting to \$3,565 are redeposited, a deficit on running account of \$1,200 at the beginning of 1908 has been removed and the year closed free of debt. The tennis club of the Association has seventy members, and stood second in the Hongkong tennis league. The Association now stands greatly in need of a permanent equipment of its own. Its further growth must be indefinitely retarded unless an adequate Association building can be secured."

TELEGRAMS.

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ALIENS IN JAPAN.

Tokyo, February 23rd.

The Government has introduced a Bill which gives aliens the right to own land.

It is welcomed by the Press as a measure demanded by the times.

[REUTERS' SERVICE TO THE "HONGKONG DAILY PRESS."]

BRITISH POLITICS.

MR. BALFOUR'S CRITICISM.

London, February 23rd.

Mr. Balfour, in a speech at the Constitutional Club, declared that the Government had become frankly revolutionary, having postponed all social reform till it has shattered the Constitution from top to bottom.

AUSTRIA AND GERMANY.

London, February 23rd.

Baron von Aehrenthal, the Austrian Minister of Foreign Affairs, has arrived in Berlin from Vienna. He had an hour's conference with Dr. von Bethmann-Hollweg, the Imperial Chancellor, and both lunched afterwards with Their Majesties the Emperor and Empress.

BRITISH POLITICS.

London, February 23rd.

In the Parliamentary lobbies the political situation is regarded as less acute.

As the result of a conciliatory speech by Mr. Barnes, the Labour leader, it is thought possible that a working arrangement between the Government, the Labourites, and the Nationalists will be effected within a few weeks.

DEATH OF A "TIMES" PROPRIETOR.

London, February 23rd.

Mr. A. F. Walter, who has had the control of "The Times" for many years, is dead.

A CHINESE FORCE IN TIBET.

London, February 23rd.

A Reuters wire from Calcutta states that a Chinese force of unknown strength has entered Lhasa from the East.

The Dalai Lama has left with some Chinese Ministers, proceeding in the direction of India, and is expected at Kalimpong on the 26th inst.

The Tashi Lama is believed to be at Shigatse.

[FROM THE MANILA "CABLENEWS."]

MR. ROOSEVELT'S RETURN.

WASHINGTON, February 18.

A delegation composed largely of men from the western States is on its way to Khartoum, where it expects to meet former President Theodore Roosevelt. Its purpose is to persuade the ex-President to return home by way of the Pacific and visit the western part of the United States after landing. It is believed that the move is part of the scheme to have Roosevelt nominated for the Presidency in 1912.

["N.C. DAILY NEWS" SERVICE.]

FURTHER PROHIBITION ON MAN-CHURIAN EXPORTS.

Peking, February 18th.

The prohibition on the export of grain has now been extended to the whole province of Heilungkiang. The four mills at Harbin are idle.

The foreign Ministers in Peking have protested to the Chinese Government, and the latter has promised to amend the situation.

LATEST STEAMER MOVEMENTS.

The L.G.M. steamer *Deffinger*, which left here on the 25th ult. at 1 p.m., arrived at Genoa on the 22nd inst. at 6 a.m.

THE HONGKONG UNIVERSITY COMMITTEE.

The ninth meeting of the Committee was held yesterday afternoon, when the following minutes of the eighth meeting held on January 19th were confirmed:—

Present—H. E. The Governor, Sir F. H. May, K.C.M.G. (Col. Sec.), Hon. Mr. Thomson (Col. Treasurer), Hon. Mr. Bavin (Registrar General), Hon. Dr. Ho Kai, C.M.G., Hon. Mr. Wei Yik, C.M.G., Hon. Mr. P. N. H. Jones (D.P.W.), Mr. Clementi, The Bishop of Victoria, Hon. Mr. Stewart, Mr. Lau Chu Pak, Mr. Irving (Director of Education).

Absent—Mr. Mody and Mr. Pollock (in England).
1. The Chairman informed the Committee that he had received a telegram from Mr. J. H. Scott to the effect that Messrs. Butterfield & Swire and Allied Firms were satisfied that the conditions on which they had promised to give £4,000 to the Endowment Fund of the University were fulfilled and they confirmed the gift. He had also that afternoon received a letter from the Chairman of the Chinese Sub-Committee informing him that £113 (\$1,259) had been received from the Chinese in Australia towards the Endowment Fund. The scholarships claimed by donors of \$10,000 and upwards are as follows:—

Mr. Ng Li Hing, four plus one of \$120.
Mr. Chiu U. Tin, Mr. Au Chak Man and Mr. Ho Tung, each one.
The Canton Reorganisation Bureau and the Canton Literary Chancellor, each four.
The Canton Salt Commissioner and Customs' each three.
Saigon Tsong Sak Chan, one.
Total, twenty-two, involving a capital of \$112,000.

2. The Treasurer (Sir P. Chater, C.M.G.) called attention to the letter he had addressed to the Chairman and its reply, which had been published in the local Press (anexa 1), and stated that since the date of the Subscription List attached to that letter he had collected many of those which had not been paid up. The amount now actually lying in the Bank to the credit of the Fund was \$603,320.

3. A site plan showing the proposed location of the students' quarters and the whole of the University buildings was circulated to the Committee and approved.

4. The Chairman stated that it was proposed to build three (to accommodate 180 residents) out of the six blocks of buildings for students' residences. It is assumed that these will cost about \$100,000, but the Sub-Committee consisting of Mr. Bavin, Dr. Ho Kai and the Director of Public Works are at present engaged in formulating recommendations which they hope to submit shortly as to the dimensions of the rooms and various requirements of the buildings, and no exact estimate is possible until the designs have been approved. These buildings together with the Anatomical Laboratory are additional to those which Mr. Mody has undertaken to erect, and it will therefore be necessary to raise funds for their erection.

5. Sir Henry May pointed out that the Anatomical Laboratory had been promised by Mr. Ng Li Hing a cost of about \$20,000, but he had later, with the consent of the College of Medicine, transferred the whole of his gift of \$50,000 to the Endowment Fund. The College of Medicine were most anxious to have this Laboratory erected at an early date, since it was in the department of Practical Anatomy that the present students were weakest. Dr. Ho Kai said that the original plan for the Laboratory would require enlargement to meet the needs of the Medical Faculty of the University and would cost not less than \$25,000. The Chairman then proposed that it should be suggested to Mr. Ng Li Hing that he should withdraw the sum of \$25,000 from the Endowment Fund and erect the Laboratory as he had originally undertaken to do. He would then be entitled to two scholarships in respect of his remaining donation to the Endowment Fund. This was agreed to.

6. The Chairman said that the principal object of the meeting was to decide how the funds in hand should be dealt with. Messrs. John Swire & Sons' donation was £30,000 invested in 5 per cent. Mortgage Bonds, and the donation from the Taikeo Sugar Company and Ocean S.S. Company amounting together to £10,000 would be understood to be made in cash "when the buildings approach completion." Leaving these out of consideration for the present there remains about eight lakhs of which about \$665,000 is at present lying at the Bank at a rate of 2 per cent. interest only. Sir P. Chater moved that this sum should be invested largely in mortgages, or in the alternative that it should be placed on fixed deposit in a Bank. He was strongly opposed to investment in bonds, or in mortgages outside the Colony. Sir H. May and Mr. Thomson supported Sir P. Chater's view that the best investment was in local mortgages. Mr. M. Stewart advocated that about half the capital should be invested in gold securities and half in silver in order to neutralise loss by exchange. He was, however, content that the whole of the existing funds should be invested in silver securities provided the £40,000 of Messrs. Butterfield & Swire and Allied Firms were invested in gold. After considerable discussion the following Resolutions were adopted *nem. con.*—

The Committee after consideration of the report of Mr. Bavin's Sub-Committee decided:—

(a) That the proposed site for the University at the junction of the Bauhinia and Pokfulam Roads offered by Government be accepted.

(b) See 6th Meeting of July 7th. See also paragraph 5. If the proposal be accepted the number of scholarships will become 20 and the capital involved \$100,000.

(b) That the students and the professional staff shall reside elsewhere than in the Main building, and that residential quarters for 60 students shall be provided at once, with room for expansion to 500.

(c) That the Main (Educational) Building should be sufficient for the instruction of 500 Students in "Arts," "Engineering" and "Medicine," with room for extension to 1,000.

The Committee considered that the plans and designs approved in Resolution 14 would meet the requirements.

19. The funds subscribed for the Endowment of the University with the exception of the £40,000 given by Messrs. Butterfield & Swire and Allied Firms shall be invested in mortgages on property in Hongkong at a rate of interest of not less than 6 per cent. with not less than 1/3 margin terminable annually.

20. In order that the students who at the time of the opening of the University may be members of the H.K. College of Medicine, may be properly qualified to become undergraduates of the University in accordance with Resolution 5 (a), the salary of one Medical Professor, at a cost not exceeding \$600 per annum, shall be defrayed from the revenue of the University as from January 1st, 1911. The Medical College on its part undertaking to make renewed efforts to obtain subscriptions from its supporters towards the Endowment Fund.

7. Sir H. May called attention to the original Resolution No. 9 of November 18th, 1908, which did not appear in the revised Resolutions adopted by the Committee on July 23, 1909. By that Resolution it had been agreed that two permanent lecturers should be provided for the College of Medicine out of the interest on the Endowment Fund. He now proposed that when the Endowment Fund had yielded interest for one year a sufficient sum should thereafter be paid from the interest accruing to provide one lecturer on Anatomy for the Medical College. The Chairman said that he had discussed this question with Sir H. May and was prepared to support his motion and to recommend it to the Committee. The old Resolution No. 9 had been framed on the understanding that the College of Medicine were about to make an appeal in England to which they anticipated a large response, and they were naturally unwilling that the funds so raised should be absorbed in the Endowment Fund of the University, and produce no immediate benefit for the College of Medicine. Unfortunately, however, the Endowment Fund had as yet received no such contribution from friends of the Medical College in England, and the understanding upon which the resolution had been framed had not therefore been fulfilled. Sir H. May had intimated that the friends of the College of Medicine would now make a renewed effort, and as it is to the interest of the University that as many well qualified students as possible should be available to commence work when the University opens he (the Chairman) thought the modified proposal now made should be accepted. It was agreed that as from January 1st, 1911, a sum not exceeding \$600 per annum should be devoted from the interest on the Endowment Fund to the payment of a permanent teacher in Anatomy for the Hongkong College of Medicine. He will be engaged on each condition of service as the Committee may hereafter approve with the object of including him in the permanent professional staff of the University when it is inaugurated.

WHO ARE THE PEERS?

From a bright and interesting book on "Family Names," by Mr. Baring Gould, some curious information on the origin of the peers is to be obtained. Thus the Duke of Northumberland is actually no Percy, but a Smithson, and must recognise that his ancestor wielded the hammer at the anvil. Lord Gwydyr is a Burrell, and his ancestor, judging by the name, was a weaver of coarse cloth. The ancestor of Lord Alverstone was a Webster, or weaver. That of the Marquis of Hertford was a tailor, and no disguise of tailor into Taylor can obscure the fact. Earl Winterton is the descendant of a turner, dignified into Turnour. The ancestor of Lord Castlemaine must have been a John the Cook in some nobleman's or squire's house, for the family name is Handcock. Earl Cowper derives his family and titular name from a man who made drinking mugs. Baron Forester would be descended from a man who had charge of the Royal forests. Viscountess Massereene derives from a salaried attendant who ministered to the pleasures of his master in the chase. Baron Broughclere had for ancestor a gardener. Lord Bateman, as his name implies, could trace his descent from the man who baited some rich person's hound, when it was the custom to keep these animals. The Earl of Morley, as a Packer, must have had an ancestor one who saw that his master's park was in order. The Earl of Harrowby is a Ryder, and of this name we are told that the barons maintained German mercenaries as housemen, who were the "reiters" called "reiters" by the English, who changed the spelling to Rides and Ryder. Baron Napier of Magdala derives from the official who looked after the linen. From butlers or bottle-makers (the former waiters, the latter leather-bottle makers) came the Earls of Carrick and Lanesborough, the Marquis of Ormonde, and Baron Dunbryne. Baron Cathorpe is a descendant from a maker of balls with spikes, used in war (cathrops). Earl Somers had as his nominal ancestor a Souper, or summer, who served summer. The ancestor of the Earl of Leicester, judging by the name, was a cook, and that of the Earl of Shaftesbury was a cooper. Lord Teynham, being a Roper, must have descended from a cordwainer or ropemaker. Baron Newlands' ancestor was a hoxier. Lord Balper is the grandson of Jedidiah Sturt, a small farmer.

This science of names is merciless. "Anyone," says Mr. Baring Gould, "who can be shown to have borne, or his forebears to have borne, a name connected with a trade, most certainly did spring from the shop or the factory. There can be no mistake about it." The Dukes of Leeds trace back to a cloth-worker, the Earls of Orville to a tailor, the families of Darlington, Duncie, Tadworth, Dorner, Romney, Dudley, Fitzwilliam, Cowper, Darley, Hill, Normandy, all spring from London shops and counting-houses. "One says, 'More power to them; they have reason to be proud of themselves.' But the question is, for the country is, Whence the hereditary legislative genius?"

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SCIENTIFIC MISCELLANY.

AN AFRICAN INTOXICANT.

The leaves of the "kat" plant are a common stimulant among the natives of Abyssinia and Arabia. Consul-General R. P. Skinner reports that they are chewed when any special or long-continued effort is to be made, and their effect is to produce an agreeable sleeplessness and stimulation. A kind of intoxication of long duration—with none of the disagreeable features of ordinary inebriety. They enable messengers and soldiers to go without food for a number of days. They sometimes produce a state of drunkenness, like the alcohol of Europeans, but over-indulgence is rare, the effects of abuse of the habit being a tendency of the body to dry and emaciation of the visage, with a trembling of the limbs and other nervous troubles. In some places merchants chew the leaves two or three times a day, the habit being fairly comparable to the use of tea in the United States and elsewhere. The plant is specially cultivated as dwarf shrubs and small trees—the dwarf plants being not more than 16 inches tall and yielding the most tender, popular and high-priced leaves.

SUN-SPOTS AND RAINFALL.

Increased activity of the sun—as shown by the spots on the surface—is found by Sir Oliver Lodge to have a probable limited influence on rainfall. He points out, however, that the total rainfall all over the earth during a long period cannot exceed what the sun can evaporate in about the same period, and therefore depends more on the sun's total activity than on any momentary outburst of energy. Where rain shall fall depends chiefly on local conditions. A month of more than usual rain may result from brief special activity, but the increase will be in the customary localities, without change in distribution.

DISCHARGING HAIL-CLOUDS.

A hail-preventing device of Bookenstein of half a century ago was, an oiled resinous pole 65 feet high with a five-pointed top of gilded copper, connected to earth by a galvanised-iron wire. A metallic net was buried in the earth. A similar apparatus has been lately tried and is claimed to have prevented formation of hail.

TIED EARS.

Ear-strain, producing greatly impaired hearing is found by Dr. Albert Barnes, of New York, to be very prevalent, and to be chiefly due to city noise, which irritates the ear much as dazzling light affects the eye. The acuteness of hearing may be lessened for years without giving serious trouble. Nervous women and people from the country suffer most from ear-strain, and shoppers often get a distressing headache and a feeling of uneasiness and irritability that may last for days. Even the healthy ear is not wholly proof against noise, boiler-makers and workers amid rattling machinery eventually becoming partially deaf. After a time the sufferer from ear-strain notices a ringing in the ears, and this is particularly distressing, especially at night and when the person is tired. Diseased tonsils or adenoids neglected in childhood may lead to ear-strain. Snuffing salt water or medicated fluid up the nose may have effect, and changeable weather and mental strain are contributing causes. Bringing nose and throat to a healthy condition is a step toward relief, but rest is most needed, and this is best obtained by a few days of recuperation in the country. Music after the day's work often soothes tired ears.

WATCHING THE BOILER.

Of 112 boiler explosions in the German Empire in 1900 to 1907, not less than 65 were due to low water and 11 resulted from excessive steam pressure. Various safety devices have been brought out lately to prevent risk from these causes. The new warning apparatus of a Berlin firm consists of two concentric tubes, attached to the top of the boiler, the outer one being closed at the top and extending downward in the boiler to the lowest permissible low-water level, and the inner one closed at the bottom, reaching a little lower than the other and rising with open top some what higher than the outer tube. A spiral tube joins the two. Two wires from the inner tube connect to an electric bell circuit, and a fusible plug is placed just over a cavity containing the ends of the wires. On opening an air-cock the pressure in the boiler fills the tubes with water, which remains below boiling point, but if the water falls below the tubes, hot steam rises, melts the plug, and the metal connects the wires, sounding an alarm in time to avoid explosion.

NIAGARA'S WORK.

Of the 5,000,000 horse-power of Niagara, 5.5 per cent is being used—125,800 horse-power in electro-chemical processes, 56,200 for railways, 36,400 for lighting, and 45,540 for various industries.

SCIENCE REBUILDING TURKEY.

The task of restoring fertility to Asiatic Turkey is a probable opportunity for enterprising engineers and capitalists. The land, especially between the Euphrates and Tigris rivers, formed one of the earliest grain-fields, but has been abandoned through the decay of the ancient irrigation works. Some years ago, Sir William Wilcox, a British engineer, proposed a system of reclamation by irrigation and flood-protection works. The new Turkish Government has become interested, and has made a small appropriation, but seems to be unable to raise sufficient money. The entire cost would be \$30,000,000, though a preliminary project has been planned that calls for only one-fifth of the amount. If a grant is made to private contractors, as seems likely to be done, the profits during a term of years to be the payment for completing the undertaking, it is estimated that the grain-crops would yield 16 to 20 per cent on the cost.

HOW MUCH WE BREATHE.

The air required by a person at hard work has been supposed to be not more than 0.5 to 0.7 cubic foot per minute, but Bernhard Draeger, inventor of a breathing apparatus for use in mines, has made some recent experiments showing that this supply is insufficient. Tests were made with three individuals, the air exhaled being measured by a special spirometer, or special gasometer. The air breathed per minute, in cubic feet, was found to average for a person sitting down, 0.3 after a walk of 1,000 feet, 0.4 after marching over 2,000 feet, 0.6 after lifting heavy weights, 1.25 after rising over a distance of 900 feet, 1.8. The curious observation was made that for a few seconds during work or directly after the air taken is always much more than the

normal amount. The respiratory instrument measuring the rate of more than 35 cubic feet per second.

APPENDICITIS AND WORM MEDICINES.
The much-abused vermiform appendix may prove not quite so useless as has been believed. Dr. A. E. Shipley, a British surgeon, claims to have evidence that it is not a decadent organ, but is a functional lymph-gland, and that appendicitis is due to intestinal worms. Our ancestors seem to have been better doctors than we have been lately to admit. They used themselves occasionally with vermin, and the modern increase of appendicitis is attributed by this observer to the passing of the practice.

CHINA AND THE EXPORT OF BEANS.

PROHIBITION AND ATTEMPTED CONFISCATION.

The *Manchuria Daily News* says:—
"News has come to hand of an arbitrary attempt on the part of the Chinese. Prefect at Peking, in North Manchuria, to seize and confiscate beans, wheat, etc., stored at the compounds of some stations located in the vicinity of Shih-tso-chong-tsun on the Harbin-Changchun section of the Chinese Eastern Railway. This occurred on the 24th ultimo, on which date the Prefect was going to carry out this attempt by armed force upon the strength of an injunction issued against the export of cereals. The Russian Railway Guards appeared on the scene and bluntly refused to surrender the stored goods. The Chinese then quietly withdrew, but the Prefect threatened to confiscate any goods not shipped off within a week, and has further detailed sentries at points on the roads leading to the railway stations. It is, however, a matter of interesting speculation how in the world this Chinese official can make his threat good. As a matter of fact, most of the goods now awaiting shipment at the railway stations belong, not to Chinese farmers or dealers, but to the exporters who, in all likelihood, have timed the arrival of their bean steamers either at Vladivostok or at Dalien for immediate shipment of goods to their destination. They must either deliver goods at the contract dates or else must be prepared to indemnify for any possible delay. Business will brook no excuses, however plausible. By taking such an arbitrary step, the Prefect makes himself liable for any consequences that may result from the refusal for any reason for beans detained in idle waiting, indomitably, and other losses attendant on the delay, etc. It is surmised that the Prefect has prohibited the export of beans and bean cake on the assumption that they constitute staple food-stuffs of the populace, who stand face to face with an approaching famine. Such a flimsy argument will not hold water. On the face of it, and some sound reasons may well be expected from an official of his responsible position. Others incline to be cynical and put a rather wistful construction upon the case. They venture to say that the Changchun Agricultural Produce Co., which has so far met port success in the self-imposed task of gathering stocks of beans as contracted for sale to a certain foreign firm, as previously mentioned in these columns, has found itself in a desperate plight as the dates of delivery are drawing nearer, and has, as the last resort, called in the Prefect to intervene in its interests. The absolutely uncalculated interference has been taken up by the Chinese Eastern Railway, which is apparently determined to thrash out the merits of the issue to the last grain, and to put a stop once for all to any such abuse of authority. The point of issue interests South Manchuria as deeply as it does North Manchuria. Its developments deserve the close watching of all concerned in the export trade, directly or indirectly."

THE CANTON VIGEROY'S CLAIM AGAINST BUTLER WRIGHT.

PROCEEDINGS AT SHANGHAI.

In H.M.'s Supreme Court at Shanghai, on the 19th inst., before Sir Haviland de Sismar, Judge, Mr. G. H. Wright appeared for H. E. Yuan Shu-Hsun, described as the Governor-General of Liankung in an action brought against William Butler Wright, who was represented by Mr. J. C. B. Douglas. Mr. Wright stated that the writ in this case was issued in the provincial court at Canton in November last, and was intended to enforce a judgment of the Supreme Court in favour of his Lordship at the end of the year. In the meantime there had been several interlocutory applications, and to-day was the return day. The writ was specially endorsed under rule 100, the claim being for money received by the defendant as the plaintiff's agent for the use of the plaintiff. The following particulars were given on the writ:—To amount received—14th September 1905, \$5,000; 30th December 1905, \$13,000; 1st February 1906, \$4,000; 27th November 1907, to 31st August, 1909, \$52,624.04; making a total claim for \$74,624.04, with \$300 for costs. The claim was for a specific sum—a liquidated sum, payable on an implied contract. In respect of the first three amounts specified on the writ the defendant was convicted for wrongful conversion in October last. With regard to the fourth item a detailed account had been supplied. An affidavit had been filed by Mr. McNaughton, in the employ of Messrs. Lowe, Bingham, & Matthews, who, in conjunction with Mr. Williams, of the same firm, had audited the railway accounts. Counsel believed that there was no defence to the action, and under rule 100 he applied for judgment.

Mr. Douglas said Mr. Wright, plaintiff's counsel, had already agreed to two postponements, and he was very reluctant to ask for a further postponement, but he had not yet received an affidavit, made by defendant, from Hongkong. He had requested a telegram from Hongkong stating that the affidavit was ready on the 15th inst., in which case it should arrive on Sunday or Monday by the English mail.

His Lordship said he could not at present give judgment against defendant, but he would allow the case to stand over Mr. Douglas's course, paying the costs of the adjournment.

Mr. Douglas remarked the plaintiff had filed this action in Canton and wanted it tried in Shanghai, whereas the defendant was at present in goal at Hongkong.

His Lordship enquired why the action was not started in Hongkong.

Mr. Wright replied that he did not know, unless it was for the convenience of the authorities.

His Lordship—Why is it more convenient for you to sue in Canton than in Hongkong, or here than in Hongkong?

Mr. Wright—I cannot say in Hongkong. This action arises in Canton, within the jurisdiction of this court. The offence was committed within the jurisdiction of this court.

His Lordship—It is not a question of offence. It is a civil action. If there is any defence to the action I don't quite know how it is going to be tried.

Mr. Wright—I should think it will be a question of account.

His Lordship put the case in the list for Monday, saying that if the affidavit had not then arrived he would take the case on Tuesday.

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SIR EDWARD SEYMOUR ON DREADNOUGHTS.

Admiral of the Fleet Sir Edward Seymour, writing on "Peace and the Dreadnought" in the February issue of *Naval Magazine*, says:—
"If I were asked which of two ships, a Dreadnought type or a King Edward VII, I should prefer to command were they opponents, I should prefer the Dreadnought, of course. But if I were given my choice of command of a Dreadnought against two ships of King Edward VII type, I should choose the latter. It takes little to sink the biggest ship afloat." Giving reasons why the limit has been reached in the building of large battleships, he says:—"It is so easy to sink a big ship with a war-machine of much less cost than a principle of national economy, this issue must arise when battleships of greater cost are proposed. Another reason that should seriously interfere with larger ships than we now have is the limitation of harbours. There are only a few harbours in which the great battleships can anchor with ease. Then, again, the salvage of ships that run ashore, which is a possible accident to any big battleship, is a far more difficult problem. The most important of all reasons, however, lies in the fact that few of the world's dry docks can handle any larger ships than are being built to-day. The problem of the battleship, larger than the Dreadnought type will be to solve the building of a dry dock that will hold the ship." The Dreadnought, he thinks, is "practically in naval equipment." Sir Edward Seymour adds:—"The man behind the gun, as he has been immortalized in America, has done his share to establish the supremacy of the British Navy. At the last census there were about 123,000 officers and enlisted men in the British Navy. We have no difficulty in enlisting men. We need more officers than previously to control the armament and firing apparatus. The man behind the gun in the British Navy does his work under command of the officer in charge, but his task is not more necessary than that of the man who loads the gun."

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ANHUI, British str., 1,350, J. B. Harris, 20th Feb.—Shanghai 17th February, General—Butterfield & Swire.
ARAKE MARU, Japanese str., 2,983, T. Ota, 20th Feb.—Mitsui 14th Feb., Coal—Mitsui Bussan Kaisha.
BOARDO, German str., 1,344, T. Sambill, 20th Feb.—Sunderland 15th February, Timber—Molers & Co.
CHIFFSHIRE, British str., 1,199, P. Mooney, 9th Feb.—Chitturao 29th Jan., Chofa 3rd and Welhaiwei 5th Feb., General—Jardine, Matheson & Co.
CHOWAT, German str., 1,115, E. Gallehmann, 11th Feb.—Bangkok 1st and Swatow 10th Feb., Rice and General—Butterfield & Swire.
DAITA MARU, Japanese str., 1,357, Kobayashi, 18th February—Wakamatsu 15th Feb., Coal—Mitsui Bussan Kaisha.
EMPEROR OF INDIA, British str., 3,032, E. Beetham, 5th February—Vancouver 13th January, General—C. P. R. Co.
FITZPATRICK, British str., 2,838, R. E. Hutchinson, 16th Feb.—Tacoma 2nd January, Flour, Herring, etc.—Osaka Shosen Kaisha.
GLENNOL, British str., 2,428, Puddle, 22nd Feb.—Singapore 19th Feb., General—Chinese.
GREGORY APOAR, British str., 2,961, S. H. Baisan, 21st Feb.—Singapore 16th Feb., General and Opium—David Sassoon & Co.
HALDIS, Norwegian str., 1,065, Solberg, 16th Feb.—Bangkok 8th Feb., General and Rice.
HANGSANG, British str., 1,358, S. Wilds, 21st Feb.—Shanghai 17th and Swatow 20th Feb., General—Jardine, Matheson & Co.
HILARY, German str., 1,276, K. Hatje, 19th Feb.—Palmy, General—Java-China-Japan Lijn.
JAPAN, British str., 3,606, J. G. Offert, 20th Feb.—Mojito 15th Feb., General—David Sassoon & Co.
KACHIDATE MARU, Japanese str., 3,432, Yamaguchi, 21st Feb.—Mojito 16th February, Coal—Ataka & Co.
KASHING, British str., 1,228, Laver, 9th Feb.—Chinking 5th Feb., General—Butterfield & Swire.
KIANG PING, Chinese str., 1,222, Udden, 22nd Feb.—Chinking 17th Feb., General—Chinese.
KLUKANG, British str., 1,223, Robertson, 1st Feb.—Wakamatsu 27th January, Coal—Butterfield & Swire.
KIYO MARU, Japanese str., 3,000, Smith, 14th Feb.—Mojito 9th Feb., Coal—Toyo Kisen Kaisha.
KORCHIANG, German str., 1,292, Schudling, 9th Feb.—Bangkok 31st Jan., Timber—Butterfield & Swire.
LOCKSTON, German str., 1,020, W. Taubert, 19th Feb.—Bangkok and Anglin 12th February, Rice and Wood—Molers & Co.
MEERAT, Dutch str., 1,551, Gronert, 22nd Feb.—Samarang 10th and Singapore 15th Feb., Sugar Chinese.
NANCHANG, British str., 1,062, Spink, 2nd Feb.—Chofa and Welhaiwei 28th Jan., Butterfield & Swire.
NEWBOWANE, British str., 1,596, D. M. Scott, 24th Jan.—Swatow 31st Jan., General—Butterfield & Swire.
NIPPON, Austrian str., 4,015, E. Tarabochia, 18th Feb.—Trieste 29th Dec., General—Sander, Wieler & Co.
NIPPON MARU, Japanese str., 3,452, A. G. Stevens, 16th Feb.—San Francisco 18th Jan., General—Toyo Kisen Kaisha.
PENANG, German str., 1,593, C. Gossowich, 19th February—Bangkok 9th Feb., Rice—Butterfield & Swire.
PREUMEN, British str., 1,065, J. H. Scott, 21st Feb.—Saigon 17th Feb., Rice and General—Wo Fat Sing.
PROVIDENCE, Norwegian str., 693, Cornelissen, 21st Feb.—Daly 15th February, Beans—Aagaard, Thorson & Co.
RAJAH, German str., 1,275, Heinrich C. Behr, 11th Feb.—Rajang, Borneo 1st February, Timber—Butterfield & Swire.
SEANG BEE, British str., 1,789, W. T. Larkins, 20th Feb.—Amoy 20th Feb., General—Seang Tak Hong.
SHANSHI, British str., 1,229, G. Ery, 9th Feb.—Saigon 4th Feb., General—Butterfield & Swire.
SHEK, British str., 3,231, Atkinson, 15th Feb.—Birkenhead and Singapore 8th February, General—Dodwell & Co.
SUIKING, British str., 1,778, W. D. Welsh, 15th Feb.—Chitturao 9th Feb., Coal—Chinese.
TAISHAN, British str., 1,120, J. T. Long, 12th Feb.—Saigon 7th Feb., Rice—Bradley & Co.
TAIBURN, Chinese str., 1,216, Paramore, 20th Feb.—Shanghai 17th February, General—Order.
TELEMACHUS, British str., 1,340, Edward, 13th Feb.—Saigon 8th Feb., General—Mat Fat Sing.
TIENTAI, British str., 1,227, F. Boyd, 15th Feb.—Mitsui 14th Feb., Coal—Butterfield & Swire.
TILAVAP, Dutch str., 2,475, A. W. Boog, 21st Feb.—Mojito 16th Feb., General—Java-China-Japan Lijn.
TIENTAI, German str., 1,092, T. Steyenga, 12th Feb.—Bangkok 3rd Feb., Rice and Wood—Butterfield & Swire.
TONGSHING, British str., 1,173, W. Stalker, 20th Feb.—Daly, 15th February, Coal—Jardine, Matheson & Co.
VICTORIA, Swedish str., 988, Thor Bektet, 20th Feb.—Haiphong and Hainan 16th Feb., Rice and General—Walm & Co.
WAISHING, British str., 1,170, W. F. Richard, 20th Feb.—Mojito 15th Feb., Coal—Jardine, Matheson & Co.
YATSHING, British str., 1,424, S. J. Payne, 19th Feb.—Amoy 18th February, Coal—Jardine, Matheson & Co.
YUESSANG, British str., 1,120, P. H. Rolfe, 21st Feb.—Manila 18th Feb., Cigars and General—Jardine, Matheson & Co.
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SHANGHAI	"ANHUI"	On 24th Feb., 4 P.M.
SHANGHAI, CHEFOO & DALNY	"NEUCHOW"	On 25th Feb., 4 P.M.
SHANGHAI	"CHINHUA"	On 27th Feb., 4 P.M.
MANILA	"TEAN"	On 1st Mar., 3 P.M.
CEBU & ILOILO	"SUNGKIANG"	On 1st Mar., 4 P.M.
SHANGHAI	"LINAN"	On 6th Mar., 4 P.M.
MANILA	"TAMING"	On 8th Mar., 3 P.M.
MANILA, ZAMBOANGA, TRUEN, DAY ISLAND, COOKTOWN, CAIENS, TOWNSVILLE, BAY, BANE, SYDNEY & MELBOURNE	"CHANGSHA"	On 14th March, 4 P.M.

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FOR	STEAMERS	TO SAIL
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MANILA	"YUENSANG"	Friday, 25th Feb., 4 P.M.
SHANGHAI via SWATOW	"WAISHING"	Saturday, 26th Feb., 3 P.M.
TIENTSIN via TINGTAU	"CHIPSING"	Sunday, 27th Feb., 4 P.M.
MANILA	"LOONGSANG"	Friday, 4th Mar., 4 P.M.
SHANGHAI, KOBE & MOJI	"KUSANG"	Tuesday, 8th Mar., Noon.
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	ATSUTA MARU Capt. Wm. Thompson	9,000	WEDNESDAY, 16th Mar., at Daylight.
	HITACHI MARU Capt. N. Mathison	7,000	WEDNESDAY, 30th Mar., at Daylight.
VICTORIA B.C. & SEATTLE	TAMBA MARU Capt. K. Sato	6,500	WEDNESDAY, 16th Mar., from YOKOHAMA.

VICTORIA B.C. and SEATTLE, via SHANGHAI, MOJI, KOBE, YOKOHAMA and YOKOHAMA	AWA MARU Capt. S. Ishikawa	7,000	TUESDAY, 29th Mar., at Noon.
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SYDNEY and MELBOURNE via MANILA, THURSDAY ISLAND, TOWNSVILLE and BRISBANE	KUMANO MARU Capt. M. Winkler	7,000	FRIDAY, 18th March, at Noon.
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NAGASAKI, MOJI, KURE, KOBE and YOKOHAMA	HAKATA MARU Capt. J. Dring	6,500	THURSDAY, 24th Feb., at Noon.
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SHANGHAI, MOJI and KOBE	TAKASAKI MARU Capt. A. Mooker	5,000	THURSDAY, 24th February.
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BOMBAY via SINGAPORE and COLOMBO	BINGO MARU Capt. G. C. Hurry	7,000	TUESDAY, 8th March.
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S.S. SLAVONIA	15th March
FOR HAVRE & HAMBURG:	
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T. ARIMA,
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From Feb. 24th to 2nd Mar., 1910.

High Water.			Low Water.		
Day	Hour	Mean Time	Day	Hour	Mean Time
Thurs	24	10 55	Mon	23	10 55
Thurs	25	11 4	Tues	24	11 4
Fri	26	11 53	Wed	25	11 53
Sat	27	12 4	Thurs	26	12 4
Sun	28	12 53	Fri	27	12 53
Mon	29	1 4	Sat	28	1 4
Tues	30	1 53	Sun	29	1 53
Wed	31	2 4	Mon	30	2 4
Thurs	1	2 53	Tues	31	2 53
Thurs	2	3 4	Wed	1	3 4
Thurs	3	3 53	Thurs	2	3 53
Thurs	4	4 4	Fri	3	4 4
Thurs	5	4 53	Sat	4	4 53
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